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TO: Riparian (shorefront) landowners within 1,000 ft. of proposed aquaculture lease site
Town of South Bristol: sbristol@tidewater.net
General and case-specific mailing lists for lease application # 2015-14
Thomas Lamia, Intervenor: trlamia@lamialaw.com

RE: Public hearing on proposed aquaculture lease

The Department of Marine Resources will hold a public hearing on July 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Bristol Town Hall Conference Room, 470 Clarks Cove Road, Walpole, Maine, to consider the application of Mook Sea Farms, Inc. for a 3.66-acre, 10-year aquaculture lease located on four tracts north and east of Peter's Island, Damariscotta River, South Bristol, Maine, for seasonal suspended culture of American/Eastern oysters from October thru April.

A copy of the public notice of the hearing is attached/enclosed. If you are receiving this notice by e-mail, pdf copies of the application and site report are also attached. If you are receiving this notice through the U.S. mail and want to view or print a copy of the application and site report, please go to the Department's web site at: <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/aquaculture/index.html>; follow links for pending lease applications. To request paper copies of these documents, please contact Cindy Burke at the address below.

ALTERNATE HEARING DATE: If the July 13, 2016 hearing is postponed or cannot be concluded by a reasonable hour, the hearing will be continued on July 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location, and a notice will be posted at www.maine.gov/dmr/index.html.

IF YOU INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN PERSON in the public hearing on this application, please refer to the enclosed public notice.

DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS: To be considered in this case, written comments, including faxes and e-mails, regarding this application must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 12, 2016, the day before the public hearing.

Questions or written comments concerning the application may be addressed to:

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